

# Frank Vining Smith, Nationally-Known Marine Artist, Dies At Age Of 87

One of this nation's foremost marine artists, Frank Vining Smith of 64 High Street, died on Sunday at the Deering Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. He was 87.

A native of Whitman, he had been making his home in Hingham for the past 45 years.

He first began to study art at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts under Benson and Tarbell, later at the Art Institute in Toronto, Canada, and at the Art Students' League in New York.

Mr. Smith got his start as a cartoonist and newspaper artist on Boston and New York newspapers, and during World War I worked as a camouflage artist for the Shipping Board, 1918-1919.

The cities of Boston, New York, Pittsburg, Chicago, Detroit and San Francisco have all had his works exhibited in their galleries as well as in the leading art academies and one-man shows.

Mr. Smith had been a professional artist since 1920. His work was published by Plymouth Cordage Company, Standard Oil Company, the Seaman's Bank of New York, the Champion Lamp Company, and many other well-known firms.

Among some of the more prominent places where his paintings hang are the Newport News Museum, the Eastern Yacht Club, the

New Bedford Yacht Club, and the Grosse Point Yacht Club of Detroit. Several ships built by the Bethlehem Steel Company also carry his painted murals.

On four different occasions he received the Gold Medal Award at Jordan Marsh in the New England Artist's Show.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Guild of Boston Artists, the Cruising Club of America, and the New Bedford Yacht Club. He had had considerable sailing experience in small yachts and in fisherman coasters.

Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth R. Kaiser of Knoxville, Tenn. and Mrs. H. Kingsley Elder of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Second Parish Church. The Rev. Donald F. Robinson, minister, officiated at the rites. Cremation followed.

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Miss Jeannette Trowbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton C. Trowbridge of 19 Lafayette Avenue, who has recently returned from a month's visit with her aunt, Mrs. Ann Weaver in Denver, Colo., is spending a month at St. Margaret's Camp in Duxbury.